

Title: Need to make public the Report of the expert group headed by Shri B. N. Yugandhar on the alienation of Tribal land in the country.

DR. BABU RAO MEDIYAM (BHADRACHALAM): An Expert Group was formed by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Shri B.N. Yugandhar on the alienation of Tribal land in the country. It submitted it's report to the Ministry of Rural Development in October, 2004.

The land acquisition is the single most cause of unrest in tribal areas of our country. Though there are laws, rules and regulations to prevent the alienation of lands from the hands of Tribals, the practice is otherwise. Large extent of their land has been encroached by non tribal land lords. The revenue and forest departments are not in favour of tribals. The schedule 5th areas are not properly protected as envisaged under the constitution.

Whatever the amount is spent on welfare schemes for tribals, it is in vain. The ST(Recognition of Forest lands) Bill, 2005 has not yet been notified. The rule making is in process.

Hence, I urge upon the Ministry of Rural Development to table the recommendations of the Expert Group.